

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (previously presented): A purified preparation of *Streptomyces griseus* trypsin (SGT) having a specific activity of at least about 25×10^3 U/mg protein and a purity of at least 95% and further comprising arginine.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The preparation of purified SGT according to claim 10, wherein said arginine has a concentration of at least about 0.5 M.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A purified preparation of *Streptomyces griseus* trypsin (SGT) having a specific activity of at least about 25×10^3 U/mg protein and a purity of at least 95%, wherein said preparation is obtained by a method comprising contacting PRONASE protease with an immobilized affinity moiety ~~selected from the group consisting of an amidine, a guanidine, or amine-containing species~~ comprising benzamidine and eluting said SGT selectively from said immobilized affinity moiety with an eluant comprising arginine.

Claims 13-27 (canceled).